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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TRANSMIT TO SOVIETS FOLLOWING TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SUBJECT EXCHANGE, AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) CONFIRMATION SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF VISIT DATES AND INFO ON DELEGATION COMPOSITION URGENTLY NEEDED; SOME OF HOST US COMPANIES ARE URGING CANCELLATION OF VISIT BECAUSE THEY MUST COMPLETE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO ONSET OF HOLIDAYS.

B) ANY SOVIET REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF ITINERARY SHOULD BE MADE WELL IN ADVANCE SOVDEL ARRIVAL IN US;

C) REDUCTION IN NUMBER US COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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NECESSITATE EARLIER CONFIRMATIONS OF TIMING OF SOVDEL

VISITS AND WILL ALSO LIMIT ABILITY OF US HOSTS TO MAKE SCHEDULE CHANGES ON SHORT NOTICE.

D) ITINERARY DOES NOT INCLUDE CUSTOMARY WASHINGTON VISIT. REASON FOR OMISSION IS THAT VISITS TO REQUESTED OIL FACILITIES WILL PLACE UNUSUAL TRAVEL DEMANDS ON SOVDEL. DELEGATION WILL VISIT FAR FLUNG SECTIONS OF US -

NEW YORK, NEW ORLEANS, TEXAS, CALIFORNIA AND ALASKA - RESULTING IN VERY TIGHT SCHEDULING. SINCE NO USG AGENCY WILL BE VISITED (HOSTS ARE ENTIRELY IN US PRIVATE SECTOR) VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE TIME CONSUMING LUXURY.

2. TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- JAN. 6 ARRIVE NEW YORK CITY, GREETED BY E.C. HOLMER OF EXXON CHEMICAL CO., LEAVE NYC FOR HOUSTON, TEXAS.
- JAN. 6 EVENING ARRIVE HOUSTON, MET BY ROY STAMPHILL OF EXXON
- JAN. 7 BRIEFING ON PROGRAM WITH OVERVIEW ON US OIL INDUSTRY AND OIL FIELD TREATMENT WITH EMPHASIS ON PROGRAM ITINERARY. PARTICIPATION BY PETROLITE AND EXXON CHEMICAL ON CHEMICAL ASPECT AND BY NATCO AND B, S. AND B. ON EQUIPMENT.
- JAN. 8 VISIT FRIENDSWOOD FIELD, SEE COMPUTER PRODUCTION CONTROL FACILITIES WITH LOCAL PROGRAM ARRANGED BY B, S. AND B.
- JAN. 9 MORNING FLY FROM HOUSTON TO LONGVIEW, TEXAS. TRAVEL TO KILGORE AND TYLER AND SEE EAST TEXAS FIELD OF EXXON. VISIT EAST TEXAS SALT WATER DISPOSAL COMPANY. EVENING - FLIGHT TO TULSA, OKLAHOMA.
- JAN. 10 MORNING VISIT NATCO

 AFTERNOON FLY FROM TULSA TO NEW ORLEANS.

 VISIT GULF FACILITIES IN VENICE.
- JAN. 11 VISIT VENICE GAS PLANT AND OFFSHORE GRAND BAY AND WEST BAY FACILITIES IN LOCAL PROGRAM ARRANGED BY GULF OIL.
- JAN. 12 MORNING TOUR WEST DELTA BLOCK 73 OFFSHORE UNCLASSIFIED

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PLATFORM AND GRAND ISLAND ONSHORE TREATING
FACILITY OF EXXON.

AFTERNOON - LEAVE GRAND ISLE BY HELICOPTER
FOR NEW ORLEANS. SIGHTSEEING NEW ORLEANS.

JAN. 13 AFTERNOON - LEAVE NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES.

JAN. 14 MORNING - VISIT PETROLITE
AFTERNOON - VISIT THUMS PRODUCING AREA, SHELL
FACILITY AT SIGNAL HILL

JAN. 15 MORNING - LEAVE LA FOR ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

MET BY MARATHON REPRESENTATIVE.

AFTERNOON - TRAVEL TO KENAI

JAN. 16 MORNING - TRAVEL TO NIKISKI-DOLLY VARDEN

JAN. 17 ALL DAY FLIGHT FROM ANCHORAGE TO NEW YORK

CITY ARRIVING IN EVENING

JAN. 18 MORNING - FREE FOR REST

JAN. 18 AFTERNOON - WRAP-UP SESSION EXXON BUILDING,

NYC. ATTENDEES TO INCLUDE TOP EXECUTIVES

FROM EACH HOST COMPANY.

EVENING - FAREWELL DINNER.

JAN. 19 PROFESSIONAL GUIDED TOUR OF NEW YORK

EVENING - ATTENDANCE AT SPORTING OR CULTURAL

EVENT.

JAN. 20 OPEN DAY IN NEW YORK CITY.

EVENING - DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW.

US HOSTS ARE STILL WORKING ON MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND WE WILL INFORM SOVIETS OF DETAILS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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